Use of retreaded tyre by Alliance Air

2864. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Alliance Air had used a Six time retreaded tyre in a Boeing 737 chartered by Army to ferry its personnel from Leh recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or to be taken against the erring officials connected with this episode?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The use of retreaded tyres is a normal Aviation industry practice. As per existing instructions of Indian Airlines/Alliance Air, tyres retreaded 6 times can be used on B-737 aircraft.

(c) During the investigations, it has been found that the subject tyre failure took place either due to-suspected Foreign Object Damage (FOD) or material failure. Negligence has not been observed on the part of the person/s involved in maintenance/flight operations of the above flight.

Purchase of Flight simulators

2865. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by Government to check air accidents;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are acquiring flights simulators in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the benefits of such Flight simulators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) Steps are taken on continuous basis by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to cut down air accidents. The steps taken include safety audit of operators, periodic spot checks, airworthiness control on ageing aircraft, installation of Minimum Safe Altitude Warning System, Installation of Monopulse